

6216. Adulteration of shell eggs. U. S. * * * v. 427 Cases * * * of Shell Eggs. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Good portion ordered released on bond. Unfit portion ordered destroyed. (F. & D. No. 8833. I. S. No. 11829-p. S. No. C-810.)

On January 29, 1918, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 427 cases, each containing 30 dozen shell eggs, at Chicago, Ill., alleging that the article had been shipped on January 13, 1918, by Merring, Martin & Boise, Altus, Okla., and transported from the State of Oklahoma into the State of Illinois, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in part of a decomposed animal substance, for the further reason that it consisted wholly of a decomposed animal substance, for the further reason that it consisted in part of a filthy animal substance, and for the further reason that it consisted wholly of a filthy animal substance.

On March 11, 1918, the said Merring, Martin & Boise, a copartnership, claimants, having admitted the allegations of the libel, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, it having theretofore been ordered by the court that the product should be examined under the supervision of a representative of this department, and that the portion found unfit for human food should be destroyed, and that portion found fit for human food should be sold by a United States marshal; and it was further adjudged by the court that the net proceeds derived from the sale of the product should be turned over to said claimants.

G. I. CHRISTIE, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*